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PRISONERS' RELIEF STIRRINGLY URGED

By the Hon. Stuart F. Reed in a
Brilliant Address before So-
ciety at Huntington.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 19.—Although having been organized since last June 15, not until a recent afternoon in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library did the Prisoners' Relief Society make its formal bow to the public by a mass meeting of which the Hon. Stuart F. Reed, secretary of state, was principal speaker.

In part he spoke as follows: "The struggle of the race to reach a reign of law was long and arduous. In a savage state we find the individual exercising the right to be a law unto himself. He surrendered this right only when he was convinced that society would honestly endeavor to protect him and avenge his wrongs. The result is civilization. Society is impossible under any other conditions.

"Every enlightened race on the earth which is enlarging the boundaries of freedom believes law and the enforcement of its penalties a necessity. This faith in law does not mean that laws will make all men honest and kind.

"The earliest object sought in maintaining prisons was not punishment but to provide a place to detain accused persons until the guilt or innocence could be determined, and often to protect them from the wrath of those whom they were supposed to have injured.

"The ancient forms of punishment embraced various forms of bodily mutilation, hideous torture, and death in many ways.

"Ancient Prisons.
"Long years elapsed before detention in a prison was designated as method of punishment; and to more recent times belongs the dawning recognition of a duty incumbent upon society to seek by humane endeavors to reform those on whom the law had laid its strong hand.

"John Howard's awful description of the European prison methods near the close of the eighteenth century is enough to make modern civilization and a more humane age shudder.

"They were dark, dirty, pestiferous, foul smelling, over crowded dens in which starving human beings had the last spark of humanity extinguished forever.

"The old idea seemed to be that after a man had been convicted of a crime he was unworthy of any recognition as a human being.

"Early Virginia Laws
"A brief reference to some of the severe laws passed by the state of Virginia will prove interesting. I am not speaking of the Draconian laws, written in blood. I am talking of laws that once were in force in the territory now called West Virginia—laws enacted by the people of a state at a time when their leaders were such men as Madison, Jefferson, Randolph, Marshall and other famous in the annals of Virginia.

"The early laws of Virginia required every county to provide at the court house, in addition to the jail, a pillory, whipping post, stocks and a ducking stool. The whipping post was the last of these implements of barbarism to be abandoned by Vir-

ginia. So far as can be ascertained the last legalized 'burning in the hand' of a convicted man in West Virginia, occurred July, 1828, in the old court house in Hampshire county. The record shows that after the court had found the man guilty, the sheriff immediately burned him in the hand in the presence of the court and gave him then and there twenty-five lashes. The remaining seventy-five lashes were reserved for future days.

"By an act of Virginia, passed December 26, 1792, it was provided that a man who apprehended a runaway servant and put him in jail, was to receive \$147. The runaway was to be held for two months. At the end of which time, if unclaimed, the sheriff must advertise him in the Virginia Gazette; then after placing an iron collar on his neck marked with the letter F, he might hire him out to pay the costs of his apprehension.

"Against Gossipers
"About the same time they passed stringent laws discouraging gossiping and tattling.

"The early lawmakers of Virginia seemed to have considered 'hog stealing' as one of the highest of crimes. A law passed by the legislature December 8, 1792, provided that a person stealing a hog, sheep or pig should receive thirty-five lashes on the bare back, besides paying a heavy fine. For the second offense in hog stealing he was made to stand two hours in a pillory in front of the court house with both ears nailed to the pillory and at the end of two hours should have his ears cut loose from the nails. For the third offense in hog stealing the punishment was death. For a slave to steal a hog called for greater punishment; for he not only had his ears nailed to the pillory, but at the end of two hours had his ears cut off.

"If stealing hogs was a crime almost too heinous to be adequately punished in this world, horse stealing was so much worse that the Virginia lawmakers felt themselves unable to provide a law of proper severity. They therefore enacted, on December 10, 1792, a law declaring that a horse thief must be put to death; and in order that he would certainly be given everlasting punishment beyond the tomb, he was forbidden 'to have spiritual advice.'

"Society's Problem
"While hanging on the cross upon Calvary Jesus Christ took upon himself the problem of the destiny of the thief upon whom was inflicted the penalty of death, but in the twentieth century the man whose punishment takes the form of a term in prison eventually comes back to society, and his destiny is very largely society's problem.

"In a democracy like ours, a government by the people—if a man is hanged, we all hang him; if a man is imprisoned, we all imprison him. When he comes back from prison, if he is too be reformed we must reform him.

"Man climbs slowly and blindly up to better things. It has taken a long time for men to grasp one of the greatest truths—that civilization is built for a purpose and that purpose is the development of human souls. The development of humanity should be humanity's chief end.

"The wreck of a human character is one of the calamities of society; the wreck of a human soul is one of the tragedies of eternity, but most sad when it carries in its wake broken and helpless mothers, wives and children, from whose eyes have faded the light of hope, and from whose lives have vanished the ministrations of love.

"The regeneration of souls is a problem and a task for the strong, the wise and the philanthropic of every civilized nation.

"When the poet-philosopher said: 'Let me write the songs of a people, and I care not who writes their laws,' he meant that the destiny of the race, like the destiny of the individual, is determined largely by its aspirations.

"There is a spirit of the age—our own age—that is driving us all to a belief essential unity of men.

"All Interwoven
"Out of the clamor and unrest of the centuries this tremendous idea is slowly shaping itself. The pure, the cultured, the rich cannot get away from the impure and the wretched of humanity. All must live and move in the same sphere. We must all progress or retrograde together, because a spot on one of us, whether of disease or depravity or ignorance or poverty or degeneracy, is a spot on all.

"In some mysterious way, as the centuries have rolled by, the Golden Rule has grown in the under consciousness of men.

"The spirit of the present age in America is the outcome of centuries of Christian civilization, the mighty fruition of the prayers and dreams of the men and women who stood sentinel at the birth of the republic. We see it in a vast propaganda linking science with ideals. It means a new asceticism of education, business, commerce, morality, criminology, and philanthropy.

"I love America; I have faith in America; I love its government or the people, or the people; its inheritance unblemished by primogeniture or entail; its call to the common man to grasp opportunity; its universality or enlightenment; its promise of great achievements. 'Great tasks create and challenge great folks.' Let our slogan be 'man's humanity to man,' a theme that will call out the grandest of our impulses and build the loftiest national character beneath the stars."

MANY FARMERS ARE EXPECTED

Of France Are Being Killed or
Captured by the German
Army.

County agricultural agents from all parts of the state report that they are expecting good delegations of the leading farmers from their sections to accompany them to Morgantown the first week in January.

The program of lectures, exhibits and demonstrations planned for Farmer's Week make it one which no progressive farmer can afford to miss.

Those who desire may take special work along lines of dairying, horticultural and poultry husbandry. The course of lectures on general agricultural subjects is usually most largely attended. The special series of popular lectures at 4 and 8 p. m. by prominent agriculturists from several states is a big feature.

No registration fee is charged and board and room may be secured for \$5 to \$6 a week. The expenses of the trip are small. The attendance last year was good, but this year should far exceed it. Some states have two thousand or more farmers in attendance during farmers' week.

FALLS 900 FEET AND STILL LIVES

When Train Is Wrecked Young
Man Plunges to Valley Below
without Fatal Result.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 19.—From the Clinch valley of southwestern Virginia with commercial travelers as a carrying medium, a story has drifted into Huntington, the story of a wreck in which a young man plunged nine hundred feet from a trolley car to the bottom of a mountain delirium, striking against, and instantly bound off, rocks, trees, logs and innumerable other obstacles and the part surpassing all imagination is that the young man lives to tell the story of the plunge.

The story comes from an isolated region of the famous valley where the Honaker Lumber Company has a private railroad into the richest timber section of the south.

The accident occurred where the road crosses the summit of a gigantic mountain in Buchanan county, late Saturday afternoon.

With a companion, the young man was riding seated in the door of a Norfolk & Western box car loaded with flour, potatoes and other kinds of merchandise. The car became derailed and instantly the companion fell out the door. His life was crushed out as the car turned over his body. The other young man who lives to tell the story did not fall from the car for several seconds. However, when he did fall, he beat the car to the bottom of the delirium.

Other members of the crew climbed down the mountain side to rather his remains and could scarcely believe their eyes when they found him still alive. He was taken to Dr. Williams' hospital at Richlands, Va., where it was found that he suffered from a fractured skull. An operation was immediately performed and physicians have no doubt that he will live. The body of the companion was crushed into a pulp.

Dangers in Christmas Decorations Pointed Out

Inflammable Material Should
Not Be Used, Says Charles-
ton Fire Chief.

In view of the fact that the Christmas holidays are at hand, the public should take warning of the danger in the use of inflammable material for decorations. J. Cal Anderson, chief of the Charleston fire department gives some splendid advice in this regard, as follows:

"As many fires are caused from the use of such," said the chief, "as well as where electric lights are for decorating Christmas trees, the wiring should be done by competent electricians and thoroughly inspected before used. Electric light globes should not be covered with cloth or paper shades or decorations. Holiday fires in stores, churches and bazaars while these are filled with people are usually holocausts.

"Light, inflammable decorations make fires easy to start and easy to spread. A match, a gas flame, a candle flame or an electrical defect may cause it.

"Extinguish gas jets. Decorations may be carried against them by currents. Do not let smokers light cigars inside buildings. Make no changes in electric wiring without consulting a competent electrician.

Warnings for the Home
"Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-flammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

"Cotton should not be used to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos fibre.

"Do not permit children to light or relight candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead.

"Matches should not be left within reach of children at holiday time. Candles are meant to be lighted, and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders.

Should Remove Trees
"Christmas trees should not be allowed to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites very readily when the needles have become dry. Quite a number of fires occur in January from this very cause.

"Before attempting any hasty or ill-advised decorations which may cause fire, examine your insurance contract and see what the policies contain in regard to increased hazard by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured. If your property should burn, you want your indemnity; do nothing, therefore, to impair your contract.

"A house of merriment is much better than a house of mourning. Therefore be very careful of fire. Have a good time—but be careful."

WOODYARD

Buys Part Interest in Spencer
Newspaper and Will Help
Run It.

The Times-Record, of Spencer, announces that former Congressman Harry C. Woodyard will, after January 1, be a part owner of that paper, and will be actively associated with the present management in the conduct of that paper. This news will be of interest not only all over the Fourth congressional district, which Mr. Woodyard represented so long and ably in the national legislature, but all over the state—and then some—for the territory covered by Mr. Woodyard's acquaintance is pretty extensive. If Harry is as successful an editor as he was as a congressman—and no one who knows him will doubt that he will be—he has no need to worry over his journalistic future.

PRISONER

Who Got Away from Hupp Is
Taken to Parkersburg Jail
as a "Bootlegger."

J. D. Moore, United States deputy Saturday taking Carl Johnson from Phillip to the Wood county jail at Parkersburg, Johnson having been held for the January term of federal district court there on a charge of bootlegging.

Johnson is the man who enjoys the distinction of being the only prisoner who ever got away from the late Deputy Marshal E. D. Hupp. He jumped through the window of a moving train some years ago while being removed by Deputy Hupp from Clarksburg to Martinsburg.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Of the State Board of Trade
Will Meet in Parkersburg
December 29.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 19.—Notices have been received here of the meeting to be held here at 2 o'clock p. m. December 29 at the room of the board of commerce at the city building of the executive council of the state board of trade. Some important matters are to be discussed. Chief among them will be the consideration of industrial peace and the submission to the legislature of a bill modeled after that of Canada, where an act is in operation which it is claimed makes industrial dispute impossible with the attendant strikes and general disorder.

The matter was discussed at the last meeting held at Wheeling and a committee was appointed to go into the matter further. The executive council will take up the matter and make some recommendation.

Louis Bennett, the president of the state board of trade, will preside. All the officers and past presidents of the state board of trade are members of the executive council.

BELGIANS

May Be Exempted from Liter-
ary Test by United States
for Next Five Years.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—An amendment to the immigration bill to exempt from the proposed literacy test for the next five years Belgians seeking a home in the United States was offered today by Senator Williams of Mississippi. No action was taken.

Senator Stone had spoken for making an exception in favor of those persecuted for race as well as for religion. Senator Smith of South Carolina opposed that on the ground that one who drew religious persecution showed possession of a high moral fibre, while the same could not be said of one persecuted for race. Senator Martin pleaded that the door of opportunity be not shut to those who have not attained an education.

Senator Williams attacked the position taken by both Senators Stone and Martin, by declaring it would admit a flood of ignorants despite the fact, he said, that one of the greatest dangers of a republic was ignorance.

TRAINMEN TO MEET

In Grafton Tuesday Evening to
Discuss Economies and
Working Conditions.

GRAFTON, Dec. 19.—Superintendent J. M. Scott has issued a call for a meeting, which will be held in the Eagles' hall in the Wehn building at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday evening for the purpose of discussing economies and general working conditions on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The call is extended to all every branch of the railroad service, and engineers, conductors, brakemen, firemen, machinists, boiler-makers, truck employees, shop men and those from every branch of the work are requested to attend this meeting.

O'NEAL ACQUITTED

Along with Twelve Other Offi-
cers and Employees of In-
diana Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—Lieutenant Governor W. P. O'Neal and twelve other officers and employees of the 1913 legislature were indicted December 3, charged with signing and presenting illegal claims against the state, were acquitted by Judge J. T. Markley in the criminal court here today.

In addition to Lieutenant Governor O'Neal, the acquitted include Homer L. Cook, former speaker of the House and now secretary of state; Levi P. Hixson, state senator; George W. Sande and John J. Keegan, state representatives, and eight employees of the two houses.

The men were indicted under a statute of 1895, which limited the number of employees of the legislature and the salary they should be paid. The defense did not deny that the claims had been signed and presented but argued that the statute of 1895 was unconstitutional, which was sustained by Judge Markley.

POULTRY RING

Murderers of Barnet Baff and
Instigators of the Crime to
Be Indicted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Not only the murderers of Barnet Baff, enemy of the so-called poultry ring, shot down in West Washington market in November, but also the instigators of the crime, probably will be indicted during the coming week, according to a statement today by Assistant District Attorney Deleahanty.

Governor-elect Whitman will take actual charge of the examination of witnesses both in his office and before the grand jury, Mr. Deleahanty said.

PERSONALS

George M. Fowler, of Rosebud, is a visitor in the city.

Floyd H. Smith, of Tunnelton, is here on a few days' visit.

E. Lantz and daughter, of Jacksonburg, are here on a few days' shopping visit.

J. W. Whiteman, of Miletus, is a visitor in the city.

Bert Patterson is here from Grafton.

Carl L. Sommerville, of Shinnston, is here on a brief visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cox, of Sistersville, are visiting here.

The Rev. T. G. Meredith, of Fairmont, passed through the city last evening to officiate at the funeral of John T. Goodwin on Grass run.

The Rev. A. B. Withers, of Bridgeport, visited the city Saturday evening.

Frank A. Burke has returned home for the Christmas holidays from Mt. St. Joseph's College, Baltimore, Md., of which he is a student.

MEHED NAMED

As Deputy Forest, Game and
Fish Warden for Wood
County upon Request.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 19.—Capt. James R. Mehed, of this city, has just received from J. A. Viquey, of Belington, the state forest game and fish warden, a commission as deputy forest, game and fish warden for

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Wood county. This appointment was made by the state officer at the express request of the members of the West Virginia Audubon Society of Parkersburg.

WOMAN'S SECTION

Of American Commission for
Relief in Belgium Makes
an Appeal for Aid.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The woman's section of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium has issued an attractive pamphlet containing an appeal to the American people for aid for the starving Belgians.

The pamphlet sets forth that six million Belgians, men, women and children, are to be kept alive food must be sent, and at once. A request is made that any contributions of food, clothing or money be sent to the commissioned at its headquarters in New York. Non perishable food is wanted.

The woman's section of the commission was organized on November 10 and by December 10 they had supporting them presidents of organizations representing collectively over six million women. Through the efforts of the woman's section, many governors have appointed committees and it is requested that everyone lend every possible aid to these committees.

NOTICE.
My wife, Eva M., having left my bed and board without just cause, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her.

DANIEL D. SNIDER,
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